

**BUSINESS TO BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE  
AND COLLABORATION SYSTEM AND METHOD**

**ABSTRACT**

A method, system, and apparatus for technology exchange and collaboration on a  
5 computer network such as the Internet. A member is granted access to substantive content on the  
community web site after registering with the system and satisfying qualification criteria. Each  
community member is required to create a personal profile tailored to the role that the member  
serves in the community. If the member's role is that of a Supplier, the member creates a project  
10 profile for each technology innovation. The system facilitates collaboration between a  
technology Supplier and a Buyer of a technology asset or a Contributor to a technology project  
by comparing the member profiles to identify a member whose search requirements match  
another member's search requirements. When a member decides to exchange technology with a  
Supplier, he requests direct contact with the Supplier and negotiates technology transfer  
15 agreements that protect the intellectual property rights of both parties. The evaluation and  
collaboration development of the technology is performed in a secure area. The system also  
provides digital notarization and secure encryption to protect the exchange between the member  
and the Supplier.